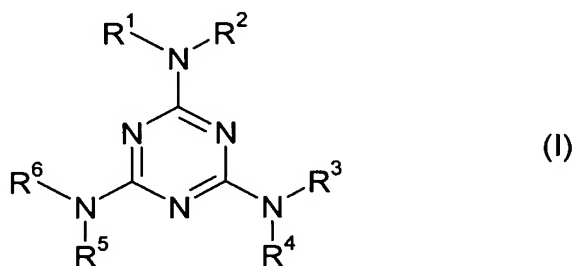


## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for printing sheetlike or three-dimensional substrates by the ink jet process ~~using~~ comprising utilizing a thermally crosslinkable, aqueous recording ~~fluids~~ fluid containing random polyurethane copolymers and one or more melamine derivatives as crosslinkers in a printing process.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recording ~~fluids contain~~ fluid contains one or more melamine derivatives of the general formula (I)



where:

R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>6</sup> are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, (CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>z</sub>-R<sup>7</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>-OR<sup>7</sup>, CH(OR<sup>7</sup>)<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>-N(R<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

where z is from 1 to 10 and each R<sup>7</sup> is the same or different and is selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl, branched or unbranched;

alkoxyalkylene, ~~such as~~ (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O)<sub>m</sub>-H, (-CHCH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O)<sub>m</sub>-H, (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CHCH<sub>3</sub>-O)<sub>m</sub>-H, (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O)<sub>m</sub>-H, where m is an integer from 1 to 20.

Claim 3 (Original): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each hydrogen in the formula (I).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is CH<sub>2</sub>OH in the formula (I).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Printed sheetlike or three-dimensional substrates ~~obtainable~~ obtained by the method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 4~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing colorant preparations for recording fluids as defined in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ comprising a mixture of random polyurethane copolymers and one or more melamine derivatives as dispersing binders, water, optionally one or more organic solvents and a finely divided inorganic or organic colorant, which comprises mixing together in a ball mill dispersing binders, water, optionally one or more organic solvents and a finely divided inorganic or organic colorant.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Colorant preparations for recording fluids, ~~obtainable~~ obtained by the process of claim 6.